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COMMENT ON RM-9267

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Office of The Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 2222
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Gentlepeople:

I am writing to urge that the FCC **NOT** grant the Land Mobile Communications Council access to the Amateur Radio 70 cm band or any other Amateur radio band. As a 70 cm band repeater holder (440.950 MHz/KI7BB) in the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, I and the other members of the Bainbridge Amateur Radio Club (BARC) provide emergency communications services for the Bainbridge Island Fire Department, Police, and Washington Department of Emergency Management during emergencies and drills. In addition, we amateurs and the local Government have a considerable investment in radios and associated equipment that is used on the 70 cm band. The 70 cm band is extremely popular among radio amateurs, and plays a critical role in our ability to provide emergency, public service, and public interest communications. The Land Mobile Communications Council proposal is incompatible with continued amateur use of the band. RM-9267 is a bad idea and should not be considered.

Should you have questions regarding this letter or the extreme public value of the Amateur Radio spectrum, please feel free to contact me at telephone (360) 396-8693 during working hours PDT.

Sincerely,

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